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DURING CALL ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAWADOGO

SEPTEMBER 3, CHARGE AND E/C CHIEF MENTIONED INFORMALLY

THE CONTINUED RUMORS OF BRAZILIAN PURCHASES OF IVORIAN

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COFFE.AT SOME VARIANCE WITH OUR REPORT IN REF G

(CONVERSATION WITH MARKETING BOARD DIRECTOR AMANY, WHO IS SAWADOGO'S SUBORDINATE), SAWADOGO SAID THAT BRAZIL HAS NOT REPEAT NOT MADE ANY OFFICIAL APPROACH TO GOIC TO BUY COFFEE. (EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT AMANY WAS REFERRING TO APPROACHES BY INDIVIDUAL BRAZILIAN PURCHASERS TO IVORIAN PRODUCERS; HOWEVER SALES WOULD REQUIRE FINAL APPROVAL BY SAWADOGO.) SAWADOGO SAID CANDIDLY THAT HE BELIEVES EXPORTERS MAY BE SPREADING AND CONTINUING RUMORS IN ORDER TO KEEP COFFEE PRICES HIGH. THIS WAS NOT, HOWEVER, A GOIC INSPIRED POLICY. HE DID NOT FLATLY RULE OUT SALES TO BRAZIL IF THE PRICE WERE RIGHT. HOWEVER, THOUGH IVORY COAST HAS HAD A BUMPER CROP IN COFFEE THIS YEAR, SAWADOGO SAID THAT PRACTICALLY ALL OF IT HAD BEEN COMMITTED FOR SALE TO TRADITIONAL CONSUMERS. HE WAS ALSO WELL AWARE THAT SALES TO BRAZIL OR OTHER PRODUCERS WOULD NOT COUNT IN EXPORT PERFORMANCE FOR THE FIXING OF FUTURE QUOTAS AND WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT IVORY COAST'S STRONG PERFORMANCE IN COFFEE SALES DURING THE YEAR IN WHICH QUOTAS ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED.

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